

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (previously presented) An article of manufacture comprising:
 - a) a filled polymeric material comprising a polymer component and an inorganic filler; and
 - b) a fixed image, wherein said fixed image is formed in said filled polymeric material, and wherein said fixed image has a fixed image optical density value within 1.5 of a corresponding transfer image optical density value.
2. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein said fixed image optical density value is within 1.0 of said corresponding transfer image optical density value.
3. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein 15-80 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises said polymer component.
4. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein said polymer component comprises polymethyl methacrylate.
5. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein 20-45 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises polymethyl methacrylate.
6. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein 20-85 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises said inorganic filler.
7. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein said inorganic filler comprises alumina trihydrate.
8. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein 55-80 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises alumina trihydrate.

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein said fixed image comprises dye.

15. (previously presented) An article of manufacture comprising:

- a) a filled polymeric material comprising a polymer component and an inorganic filler; and
- b) a fixed image, wherein said fixed image is formed in said filled polymeric material, and wherein said fixed image has a fixed image optical density value of at least 0.7.

16. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein said fixed image optical density value is at least 1.0.

17. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein said fixed image optical density value is at least 1.5.

18. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein 15-80 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises said polymer component.

19. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein said polymer component comprises polymethyl methacrylate.

20. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein 20-45 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises polymethyl methacrylate.

21. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein 20-85 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises said inorganic filler.

22. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein said inorganic filler comprises alumina trihydrate.

23. (previously presented) The article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein 55-80 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises alumina trihydrate.

24. (cancelled)

25. (cancelled)

26. (cancelled)

27. (cancelled)

28. (cancelled)

29. (previously presented) An article of manufacture comprising:

- a) a filled polymeric material comprising polymethyl methacrylate and alumina trihydrate, wherein 20-45 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material is said polymethyl methacrylate, and wherein 55-80 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material is said alumina trihydrate; and
- b) a fixed image, wherein said fixed image is formed in said filled polymeric material, and wherein said fixed image has a fixed image optical density value of at least 0.7.

30. (cancelled)